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Proposed Bill No. 246

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT DEFINING AND ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE
PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) define the practice of
- 2 telemedicine and establish standards for such practice, including, but
- 3 not limited to, requiring (A) the telemedicine provider to be properly
- 4 licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut, (B) written informed
- 5 consent from the patient prior to the provision of telemedicine
- 6 services, (C) the patient's medical records and health history to be
- 7 made available to the telemedicine provider, (D) the telemedicine
- 8 provider to have previously personally seen and examined the patient
- 9 or be providing telemedicine services at the request of a Connecticut
- 10 licensed health care provider who has personally seen and examined
- 11 the patient, (E) all telemedicine services to comply with generally
- 12 accepted standards of care, and (F) insurance coverage for such
- 13 services to be provided on the same terms and conditions as in-person
- 14 services and to not discriminate in favor or against telemedicine; (2)
- 15 require that if the telemedicine services are being provided by an out-
- 16 of-state provider who provides telemedicine services on a regular or
- 17 routine basis or have been arranged by or through an insurer, then

18 such provider shall (A) be registered with the Department of Public
19 Health as a telemedicine provider, and (B) provide the patient with his
20 or her registration number and information on how to file a complaint
21 with the Department of Public Health should the patient have any
22 complaints regarding the service provided; and (3) require the
23 Department of Public Health to establish a telemedicine provider
24 registry.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish standards and patient safeguards for the practice of telemedicine.